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Bentley et al.

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PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR
COLLABORATIVE ENGINEERING USING
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2004 , please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are needed to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims), and any other fee deficiency are hereby authorized to be charged, and any overpayments credited, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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